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- 3a. ☐ The Certification Statement in Item 5 below is applicable. Accordingly, no fee is required.
- 3b. ☐ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) is:
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individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ This application is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60 or §1.53(b) or (d).

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- 6a. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) is concurrently filed herewith.
- 6b. ☐ Copies of publications listed on Form PTO-1449 from prior application Serial No. __, filed on __, of which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, are not being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).
- 6c. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. __, filed on __, and are provided herewith.
- 6d. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on Form PTO-1449 are being submitted concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(1) and 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (a), and (c).
7. ☐ This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. *(Check either Item 7a or 7b)*
- 7a. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on __. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement can be considered as if properly filed on __.
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